



Laser Masters Florida Championship for the Jack Swenson Memorial Trophy

Palm Beach Sailing Club, West Palm Beach, Jan 31 to Feb 2, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.3. Competitors shall enter in either Standard or Radial class. (Rig Swapping rule "Off".) Fleets may be split
- 1.4. Laser class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person, the registered sailor, shall be on board while racing."
- 1.5. Racing Rules 40 and 44.1 will be changed as follows: Personal floatation devices required at all times. One turn penalty except in the zone. Equipment protests will only be accepted from the Race Committee. The changes will appear in full in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may change other Rules.
- 1.6. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located on the deck of the Palm Beach Sailing Club.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Members of the ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter.
- 2.2. There will be classes for Standard and Radial Lasers. 4.7 sails may be used in the Radial Class.
- 2.3. Proof of ILCA membership will be required at Registration, and ILCA forms will be available.
- 2.4. Entries shall be made and fees paid online at Regatta Network.
- 2.5. No entries or fleet changes will be accepted after 1000 Thursday, 30 January 2020.

3. Fees

- 3.1. Registration and entry fees paid no later than 1000 Thursday, 30 January 2020. The entry fee is \$175 per boat.
- 3.2. All registrations received from 20 January to 30 January 2018 will be charged an additional \$50 late fee.
- 3.3. Entry fee includes full use of the facilities of PBSC starting Wednesday, January 29, 2020, continental breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday mornings, and Saturday evening dinner. Meals will be available for purchase Friday and Sunday along with cash bar during the regatta. Prices for Friday, Sunday and additional non-entrant Saturday meals will be communicated via Regatta Network by January 17.

4. Early Arrival – must contact regatta@pbsail.org before early arrival

- 4.1. Early arrivals prior to Wednesday January 29, 2020 must register in advance as 'visiting yachtsmen' with the PBSC office and pay daily fees which include use of the waterfront for launching.
- 4.2. Lasers may be unloaded on the PBSC lawn, set-up and launched from PBSC for practice. PBSC will move road trailers as the club is setting up for the event.
- 4.3. Coach boats and power boats may be launched from the PBSC ramp, but coach and power boat trailers cannot be stored on the PBSC facility. Coach boats and powerboats may tie up at the PBSC dock with prior approval. Contact PBSC if you will be bringing a coach or power boat.
- 4.4. You must contact PBSC for ALL early arrival arrangements BEFORE you arrive at PBSC.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. *Friday, Jan. 31*

- 0800 - 930 Registration and sail inspection
- 1000 Competitors Meeting
- 1015 Harbor Start
- 1130 First warning signal

Saturday, Feb. 1

- 1000 Harbor Start
- 1115 First warning signal

Sunday, Feb. 2

- 1000 Harbor Start
- 1115 First warning signal
- Awards to follow after last race

5.2. 9 races are scheduled. There will be a maximum of 5 races per day.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. Social Schedule

Friday – continental breakfast at 0800. PBSC bar / kitchen open 1700-2130.

Saturday – continental breakfast at 0800. Regatta dinner no later than 1800.

Sunday – continental breakfast at 0800. Food available at awards ceremony.

7. Inspection and Measurement

- 7.1. Boats, gear, and sails may be inspected by the Technical Committee at any time for conformance to Class Rules. Competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centerboard and rudder.
- 7.2. Sail numbers must have the full 5 or 6 digits applied in accordance with Class Rules, and sails must have the builder button.
- 7.3. Competitors are encouraged to have a hand-held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 69. Such radios are “Safety Equipment” within the meaning of ILCA Rule 25.

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at registration, and online ASAP after January 29 at the regatta website.

9. Venue

The racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean south of the Lake Worth inlet or inside the Lake Worth lagoon depending on conditions. **All efforts will be made to hold races in the ocean.**

10. The Courses

Courses will be as illustrated in the supplementary sailing instructions, which will be distributed at registration.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta for that class.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3. The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters and Legends - add 0.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. Boat Charters

Contact Tackle Shack Water Sports on (800) 537-6099

15. Local Accommodations

Please consider the Super 8 North Palm Beach Hotel, at 757 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 who offer discounted rooms for regatta entrants. Contact the hotel directly at (561) 899-6490.

Further Information

PBSC Regatta Management: regatta@pbsail.org